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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the President of the Security Council of the United Nations, and has the honour to transmit herewith from H.E. Mr. Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, a letter regarding the arrangement of the closure of the Oil-for-Food Programme (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations also has the honour to request that the present note verbale and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 8 December 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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I have the honour to refer to the third quarterly report of the Government of Iraq (S/2010/567), which was submitted to the Security Council pursuant to Security Council resolution 1905 (2009), paragraph 5. In that report, the Government of Iraq expressed its desire to close the Oil-for-Food Programme before the end of 2010, after the settlement of outstanding Programme contracts by the payment of the contractual amounts with confirmation of arrival documentation, and the cancellation of contracts with no confirmation of arrival documentation. In this context, I should like to confirm the commitment of the Government of Iraq to paragraphs 19, 20 and 21 of the note by the United Nations Secretary-General (S/2008/492) regarding the arrangement of suitable funding for indemnity to the United Nations with regard to all activities of the United Nations and its representatives and agents.

My Government looks forward to the Security Council adopting the suitable decision to authorize the United Nations Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to end any remaining activities of the Oil-for-Food Programme before the end of 2010, including the transfer to the Government of Iraq of the amounts existing in the Programme account, with the exception of those referred to in the aforementioned paragraphs 19, 20 and 21 of the note by the Secretary-General.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter to the members of the Security Council as soon as possible and include it as an annex to the resolution that is currently being drafted on the closure of the Oil-for-Food Programme.

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq

Baghdad, 6 December 2010